


REMARKS

Applicant provisionally elects Species 6, Figs. 9 and 10, for prosecution without traverse. Applicant believes claims 1, 5-11, 20, 21, 22-31, and 33 are readable on Species 6. Many of the claims, such as claims 8-11 and claims 31, 33-34, are directed to a biocompatible material or coating which can be construed to read on Figs. 9 and 10, since such a material or coating might not be visible in the drawings. The examiner agrees with this reasoning since she holds that claim 1 is generic, and it recites "a biocompatible material."

Applicant believes all claims are in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-2425 in connection with this paper. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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